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Media Advisory

San Antonio Police Department's Volunteer's in Policing Receive National Recognition with the International Association of Chief's of Police

The City of San Antonio was selected as a National Award Winner in the IACP Outstanding Achievement in Law Enforcement Volunteer Programs. The International Association of Chief's of Police is the world's oldest and largest nonprofit membership organization of police executives, with over 20,000 members in over 89 different countries.

The San Antonio Police Department has approximately 600 volunteers, ranging in age from 18-90 years old, who assist a police department of over 2,000 sworn officers and a city population of over one millon people. The volunteer program began in 1997, and during the past 11 years, more than 2,000 citizens have participated in this program.

The program achievements of the San Antonio Police Department are significant due to the enormity of the community outreach. In early 2009 the department participated in the Texas Warrant round-up, and through the efforts of 15 volunteers who assisted officers in clearing 19,255 warrants, the police department was recognized as having the most successful effort in the warrant drive. There were other volunteers that in a one year period provided over 10,000 hours of service to victims of domestic violence.

Congraulations to San Antonio's Volunteers in Policing!